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It will be sanctioned when it comes. This will give connection between Punalur and Mundakayam. His Highness' Government do not propose to connect Rani with Mundakayam direct in the near future.

The question of providing hospital accommodation at Mundakayam will be considered.

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SHERTALLA TALUK.

77. *Communications in the Shertalla taluk*

Mr. R. Parameswaren Pillai (Member, Shertalla Taluk) urged the necessity of converting into a cartable road, the road from Shertalla to Thannirmukkam and Alleppey.

Dewan's reply.—Government are of opinion that what is most needed is a canal between Alleppey and Shertalla. This would be more useful than a cart-road. The cost is expected to be about five lacs of Rupees. The Chief Engineer has been called on to submit at an early date the plans and estimates and the work will be taken in hand on receipt of the same. In view of the large outlay involved, the work will have to be spread over a series of years. It is only after the canal is constructed that other means of communication can be considered.

78. *First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertalla.*

Mr. Srinivasa Kammathi (Member, Shertalla Taluk) urged the necessity for the establishment of a permanent First Class Magistrate's Court at Shertalla.

Dewan's reply.—Government do not consider it necessary to appoint a First Class Magistrate solely for Shertalla. A Tahsildar will, if possible, be posted to the place, who can be invested with First Class powers.

79. *Shifting of the Anthakarazhy Chowkey.*

Mr. Srinivasa Kammathi (Member, Shertalla Taluk) proposed the shifting of the Anthakarazhy Chowkey from its present site and locating it on the northern side of the canal.

Dewan's reply.—The Excise Commissioner considers that the shifting of the Chowkey, as proposed by the Member, will impair its usefulness and cause loss of revenue to Government. The Chowkey cannot therefore be removed. I shall inspect the Chowkey on my next visit to Shertalla and enquire into the allegations of hardship made by the Member.

VAIKAM TALUK.

80. *Construction of bridges over the Puthenthodu and the improvements of the roads on the banks of the canal.*

Mr. G. Aiyappan Pillai (Member, Vaikam Taluk) urged the construction of two more bridges over the

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Puthenthodu for the convenience of the public. These bridges might be constructed at its eastern and western extremities. The Member also suggested improvement of the roads on either bank of the canal, with the necessary ghats constructed at convenient places on the sides of the canal.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

81. Bridge over the Vadayar river.

Mr. G. Aiyappan Pillai (Member, Vaikam Taluk) urged the construction of a bridge over the Vadayar river on the Ettumanur-Vaikam road.

Dewan's reply.—Government have received an estimate for Rs. 20,050 for improving the Ettumanur-Vaikam road, and another for Rs. 20,000 for constructing a bridge over the Vadayar river near the 15th mile stone. Both the estimates are being sanctioned; and funds for carrying out the works will be provided, partly in 1086 and partly in 1087.

82. Removal of the Valianapuzha bund &c.

Mr. Varki Thariyan (Member, Vaikam Taluk) stated that, during the rainy season, water collected in the Valianapuzha bund and destroyed all the paddy cultivation. He suggested the removal of the Valianapuzha bund and the construction of a bridge at the place, as also the construction of a bund from Thalayazhom to Vetchur and a lock in the canal from Vaikam to Kottayam.

Dewan's reply.—The proposals of the Member are reported by the Chief Engineer to be impracticable. This is a technical matter in regard to which the professional Department is the best judge. The Kaipuzha scheme, of which this is a part, is one requiring investigation and it will take time and money. It is not likely to be taken up or done in the near future. The Chief Engineer has tentatively proposed the construction of two large escapes, one at 300 feet below the Valianapuzha bund and the other at the Marumathil thodu. This proposal is under consideration.

ETTUMANUR TALUK.

83. Necessity for a hospital at Ettumanur.

Mr. Narayana Pillai (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) urged the necessity for a hospital at Ettumanur.

Dewan's reply.—A dispensary will be opened at Ettumanur.

84. Transfer of the Revenue jurisdiction of the present Pudupalli pakuthi from Changanacheri to Kottayam.

Mr. K. K. Kunvila (Member, Kottayam Taluk) submitted that Government might be pleased to transfer the Revenue jurisdiction of the present Pudupalli *pakuthi* from the Changanacheri taluk to the Kottayam taluk.

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